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The Montpelier Argus is doing a good thing in printing finely-illustrated articles descriptive of Vermont attractions. The State has strong points, and this is an excellent method of informing the world concerning them.

There are said to be no less than sixteen aspirants for the place in the United States Senate to be made vacant by Mr. Edmunds' resignation. The list of names would, if published, probably be found to embrace some curious senatorial timber.

Sir John McDonald, Canada's premier, lies at the point of death. His taking-off will bring about a great change in the affairs of the Dominion, where he and his friends have long ruled much after the style Bismarck pursued in his palmy days in Germany.

The Rutland Daily Monitor has gone to the wall. It was a small, cheap and poorly-printed affair and did not deserve to succeed. Rutland is hardly large enough anyhow to support two dailies, and it will require money and ability and lots of both to get a new one securely planted there.

English society lights have a first-class sensation in the trial of the libel suit of Sir William Gordon Cumming against several people who, he alleges, have libeled him by saying that he cheated at cards at Traub Croft, where a number of the English aristocracy and their satellites were entertained during the Doncaster races last September. The trial is attended by the great ones of England, and the prince of Wales, who was banker for the game, has been a witness.

The Democratic Utica Observer is distressed over an alleged "confession" of the Chicago Tribune that one-fourth of the pensions granted are fraudulent. It is not at all certain that this is the fact, if the Tribune does say so; but what if it is true? There never was a pension system or any other system of rewards for services or of relief that worked to perfection, and there never will be till the millennium arrives. No town postmaster, however conscientious, ever got through a year without relieving underserving applicants, and so it must be in this pension matter. The deserts of applicants for government bounty must, from the nature of things, be ascertained through human testimony, and that is not now and never has been perfectly reliable; but it is the best to be had, and if it is sometimes palpably wrong, that is no sufficient reason for condemning the whole pension system.

The sewerage question is again coming to the front in Middlebury. It had an innings a few years ago, but it was then decided that nothing of permanent value could be accomplished till we had water-works. Now that these are coming the demand is renewed. It has also been discovered lately by some of the good people that they are harboring altogether more than they ought of their neighbors' refuse and so they are laboring with the trustees and health officer. There seem to be two ways out of the difficulty. One is to compel each resident to take care of his own sewage and not dump it on his neighbor or in the street; the other, to have a thorough survey made of the village and a system of sewerage laid out, and then to put in at once such portions of the system as are imperatively necessary in order to dispose of the more flagrant nuisances. The trustees have appointed a committee to see what it will cost to have the requisite survey made, as there are several nuisances that must be remedied in some way speedily.

The plan of selecting six of the graduating class of the High school to appear at the graduating exercises, instead of having the whole class of seventeen

speak or recite, has caused some dissatisfaction, we regret to learn; but it does not seem to be well grounded, when the situation is looked at calmly. If the whole class were to speak, the exercises would, with the music, make a programme altogether too long, especially for a hot night in June, and it always is hot on these occasions. The plan adopted here this year is that followed everywhere, both in schools and colleges, where the graduating classes number over ten or a dozen. There is, of course, likely to be more or less dissatisfaction whenever selections are made; but in this case there was apparently necessity for choosing a portion of the class, instead of having the whole come on, and it ought to be conceded by fair-minded parents and friends that the teachers know as much as any one can know of the relative scholarship and speaking capabilities of the pupils.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Col. A. A. Fletcher left home on Friday for Tennessee, where he went on business.

Miss Emma Clay, who has been with Prof. and Mrs. E. A. Higley at Groton, Mass., since last fall, returned to her home here yesterday.

Jesse Stearns, Esq., arrived here from New York on Friday, going hence to Bristol, where his family are. He returned to the city on Monday.

Hon. L. D. Eldridge arrived home on Friday from an extended business trip through the West and South. He was absent from home four weeks.

Mr. Allen Warner, son of Gen. J. M. Warner of Albany, is at his aunt's, Mrs. Dagald Stewart. He has been at Bread Loaf Inn for several days past, fishing.

Rev. J. C. Houghton and Messrs. E. J. Matthews and M. A. Monroe are among the Middlebury people attending the missionary meetings at Saratoga this week.

Mr. N. P. Barbour has been elected by the prudential committee treasurer of the Congregational society, to succeed Mr. W. C. Bingham, who recently removed to Bristol.

Mr. Frank Bruya, formerly of Middlebury and latterly in the employ of the Northern Pacific railroad at St. Paul, has been transferred to Tacoma, Wash., to a better place in the service of the same corporation.

Cards are out for the wedding, at the church of the Pilgrims, Brooklyn, N. Y., June 18, at 5 o'clock, of Prof. Samuel Sheldon of the Polytechnic Institute and Miss Frances W., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Putnam.

Mr. H. R. Dorr of Rutland was in town on Saturday. He came up on the early morning train, intending to go hence to Bristol, where he was to make the Memorial-day address, but the rain caused the postponement of the exercises to Monday.

Miss Ina L. Robinson of Calais, Washington county, has been secured to teach room No. 2 as the Graded school next year, succeeding Mrs. Boynton, who has resigned. She is a graduate of the Randolph normal school and a teacher of experience.

Prof. Patton went to New York Wednesday night and will return on the Sunday night train. He is to sail for Europe about the middle of July, having lately resigned the professorship of Latin at the college in order that he may go abroad for further study.

Two Middlebury young men, Messrs. G. R. Wales and W. F. Alden, are members of the graduating class of the law school of the National university, Washington, this year. The commencement exercises were held last evening. The class issued a handsomely-engraved invitation.

Mr. John Bacon, son of Mr. Samuel Bacon of Munger street, was the successful candidate for the naval cadetship at Annapolis and has been recommended by Congressman Powers. He was one of three candidates examined at the Addison House last week Thursday by a committee consisting of Principal Dutcher of Brandon, F. G. Swinington, Esq., of Rutland and Dr. Russell of Hinesburgh.

Dr. M. D. Smith came near meeting with a serious accident Tuesday afternoon. He got into Mr. A. A. Gladding's buggy at his home on Pleasant street and they started south. When opposite Mrs. Hawley's the left front axle broke short off, throwing both the occupants of the vehicle out. Mr. Gladding falling on top of the doctor. The latter's leg was badly strained and bruised, so that he is quite lame.

Mr. W. A. Bedell is in New York, in the office of Wallace, the horse-pedigree man. He intended to go to Chicago when the newly-organized trotting register association took possession of the property recently purchased of Wallace, but his plans are somewhat mixed now that breeders of trotting stock have procured an injunction restraining Wallace from transferring the property to the new organization.

MIDDLEBURY'S GRAND LIST.

The listers have completed their work and footed up the result. The real estate stands in the list at \$1,334,965. This is under the new appraisal, made last summer and taking effect for the first time this year. The former appraisal, made four years before that, put the value of the real estate at \$1,140,893, or \$85928 more. The personal list this year is \$751,624 against \$754,417 a year ago, a falling-off of \$2793. The greater part of the reduction on real estate was on buildings, little of it being on land. The shrinkage on personal property was chiefly on live stock.

DOGS SLAUGHTER SHEEP.

Wednesday afternoon Mr. A. A. Farnsworth heard dogs barking in the lot where his Merino sheep were at pasture. He went to the field and found three dogs after them. One of the canines he caught and brought to this village, where he found it to be the property of Napoleon Lapan. The other two dogs were small black ones and are believed to belong to the village, too. Five lambs were killed and a number injured, and one ewe, for which Mr. Farnsworth was offered \$125, was killed, while several were more or less bitten. Mr. Farnsworth places his loss at about \$250. He lives just over the Middlebury line in the town of New Haven.

THE LADIES' LIBRARY.

The ladies have planned an entertainment at the library room on the evening of Wednesday next, the 10th inst. It will include readings by President Brainerd and Professor Howard and other features of interest, and refreshments of strawberries and cake will be served. The hour is 8 o'clock. An admittance fee of 25 cents will be charged.

Those who become members of the library now for the remainder of the calendar year, as they may on payment of \$1, will get seven months' use of it for half the regular annual fee. As the fact does not seem to be generally understood, it may be well enough to say that gentlemen as well as ladies may become members of the association and are invited to do so.

ARRESTED, BUT NOT HELD.

Truman L. Eells, son of Mr. Isaac L. Eells, a near neighbor of Mr. Milo B. Williamson of Cornwall, whose house was entered on the night of May 23, was arrested on Saturday by Deputy Sheriff Cobb at Middlebury and had a preliminary examination. The hearing was had before Hon. W. H. Bingham of Cornwall, one of the assistant judges of the county court. State's Attorney Bliss prosecuted and C. M. Wilds, Esq., appeared for the respondent. It will be remembered that Mrs. Williamson was aroused about midnight of the night in question by hearing footsteps in her room, where she was alone; that, after she had spoken to the intruder, he jumped upon the bed and tried to gag her with a pocket-handkerchief, which was left behind when he fled; that in the struggle which ensued both rolled out of the bed upon the floor, and that the assailant ran when Mrs. Williamson had screamed. It came out in evidence that young Eells was in the vicinity of the Williamson's at the time of the affair, as he arrived home about midnight from a band meeting at Middlebury and told his sister that there was trouble at the Williamson's; that he carried a handkerchief similar to the one Mrs. Williamson's assailant left behind; that he wore a rough coat, such as the unwelcome visitor had on, and that he had made various vile remarks, which cannot be here repeated. It was plain, further, that the crime was committed by some one familiar with the interior of the house, and young Eells was. Judge Bingham did not think the evidence sufficient to hold the respondent, who was discharged. Much sympathy is expressed for Mr. Isaac Eells and his family, who are very estimable people. The young man has had something of a career. He was for a time in the navy and was on board one of the United States ships that went through the terrible storm at Samoa a few years ago.

ADDISON COUNTY COURT.

The June term of court was formally opened in a brief session Tuesday forenoon. Judge Thompson, who had been assigned to preside, was still holding court in Chittenden county and therefore unable to be here. All the other judges competent to sit were also occupied, so that Hon. H. R. Start, who presided at the December term, came here to make the formal opening. Assistant Judges Gove and Bingham were in their places. Rev. F. G. Heast, pastor of the local Methodist church, offered prayer and the sheriff made the usual proclamations. The jurors were next called and sworn, but no instructions were given them, that being left for the judge who is to come here to conduct the work of the term. A list of the jurors has already been printed in this paper.

The civil jury calendar was then gone over and these cases were marked for

trial: L. F. Benton, apt., vs. J. H. Blakely; Moses Dudley vs. Thos. Reed, Jr.; town of Leicester, apt., vs. town of Brandon; Henry C. Dike vs. town of Hinesburgh; Joseph Battell vs. Wallace V. Fisher, and Charles Dano et al. vs. George C. Sessions. In the latter case Mr. Bliss for the defendant asked for a continuance, but Judge Start declined to hear the motion for want of jurisdiction, as having presided in this county court within two years. Frank Ware vs. James McEvelly, apt., had been settled, Charles E. Kidder, apt., vs. City of Vergennes was referred and Eli Stevens vs. Levi E. Stevens was entered discontinued. It is probable that five of the six cases marked for trial will come before the jury. The jurors were then excused until next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, and the court, after a quarter hour's session, took a recess until 2 o'clock. At that time they came in and at once took a further recess until 10 o'clock next Tuesday forenoon, when it is expected that Judge J. M. Tyler of Brattleboro will be here to go along with the work of the term.

There was a much smaller number of out-of-town lawyers present at the opening of court than is usually the case. Those who were on hand were: Hon. G. W. Grandey of Vergennes, F. G. Swinington of Rutland, Hon. Henry Ballard of Burlington, W. W. Rider of Bristol, F. W. McGettrick of St. Albans, Frank L. Fish of Vergennes and ex-Gov. Ormsbee of Brandon.

The recess of a week makes it almost a certainty that the Chaquette murder case will be tried this term and, it may therefore be anticipated that the term will be a somewhat long one.

MARY HOWE.

The senior class of the college has completed arrangements for their commencement concert. They have secured Miss Mary Howe, so well known to the musical public; Miss George Pray, the celebrated lady 'celloist of Boston; Mr. Lucien Howe as pianist, and the Howard Opera House orchestra of ten pieces. This promises to be by far the best musical feast given in Middlebury for years and equal to any given in Rutland or Burlington. The tickets will be on sale at Sterns' drug store on and after June 29 at \$1 each. Only a limited number will be sold and parties wishing to attend should avail themselves of the earliest opportunity to secure seats. Parties from out of town can remit to E. W. Benedict, T. H. Noonan or F. D. Boynton and tickets will be returned to them promptly. The Central Vermont will sell round-trip tickets for fare one way.

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